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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Final Rejection dated May 31, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.